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SESSION IN HONOR OF THE
JAPANESE COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE CHAM-
BERS OF COMMERCE OF JAPAN

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 28, 1909.

On Thursday evening, October 28, 1909, the Academy held a session in honor of the Japanese Commercial Commission, representing the Chambers of Commerce of Japan. The Commission whose members are men of high standing in their country, statesmen, lawyers, journalists and merchants, visited the larger industrial and commercial cities in different parts of the United States. They were entertained while in this country by the Chambers of Commerce of our Pacific Coast States. Representatives of the United States Government also accompanied the Commission on its entire trip through the country.

The Chairman of the Commission was Baron Eiichi Shibusawa, President of the Dai-ichi Bank, Tokyo. The other members of the Commission and the cities from which they came were as follows:

TOKYO.—BUEI NAKANO, President Tokyo Chamber of Commerce; HEIZAEMON HIBIYA, Vice-President Chamber of Commerce; SAKUTARO SATAKE, Member of House of Representatives; KENZO IWAHARA, Director of Mitsui & Co.; KAICHIRO NEDZU, President Tobu Railway Company; ZENJURO HORIKOSHI, Exporter; KUNIZO KOIKE, Broker; RINNOSUKE HARA, Engineering Contractor; TOKUNOSUKE MACHIDA, Trustee of Chamber of Commerce; NARAZO TAKATSUJI, Director of Kanegafuchi Spinning Company; TORAJIRO WATASE, President Agricultural Association; SUEO IWAYA, Member of Hakubunkan Publishing Company; BARON NAIBU KANDA, Professor Peer's School; TAIZO KUMAGAI, Physician; TAKAJIRO MINAMI, Professor Tohoku University; MOTOSADO ZUMOTO, Proprietor of "Japan Mail."

OSAKA.—MICHIO DOI, President Osaka Chamber of Commerce; TOKUGORO NAKAHASHI, President Osaka Mercantile Steamship Company; BOKUSHIN OI, Member of House of Representatives; TOSHIO MATSUMURA, Assistant Mayor of Osaka; TAMEN-

OSUKE ISHIBASHI, Member of House of Representatives; EINOSUKE IWAMOTO, Broker; HEIBEI SAKAGUCHI, Silk Weaver.

KYOTO.—JIHEI NISHIMURA, President Kyoto Chamber of Commerce; NARIYOSHI NISHI-IKE, Secretary Kyoto Chamber of Commerce.

YOKOHAMA.—KAHEI OTANI, President Yokohama Chamber of Commerce; KINSAKU SODA, Member Chamber of Commerce; AKIRA SHITO, President Silk Conditioning House.

KOBE.—KOJIRO MATSUKATA, President Kobe Chamber of Commerce; KUMEJIRO TAKI, Manufacturer of Fertilizers; SHINKICHI TAMURA, Exporter.

NAGOYA.—KINOSUKE KANNO, Member Chamber of Commerce; TOMINOSUKE KADONO, Vice-President Nagoya Chamber of Commerce; MORIMATSU ITO, Banker.

At the session of the Academy at which the Commission was received, addresses were made by four members.

Baron Shibusawa, the Chairman.

Baron Kanda, Professor in the Peer's School, Tokyo.

Mr. Midzuno, Consul-General of Japan at New York.

Mr. Zumoto, proprietor of the "Japan Mail."

The Chairman of the meeting, Professor Emory R. Johnson, who presided because of the unavoidable absence of Professor L. S. Rowe, President of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, after welcoming the members of the Commission, in the name of the Academy, and pointing out the significance of their visit, said:

During the last ten years we have heard much about the awakening of the Far East. There is every indication that the time has now arrived for another awakening, namely, the awakening of the West to this stirring of the East. I know of nothing that can contribute so much to this purpose as the visit of this distinguished group of statesmen, educators, merchants and journalists of Japan. It is the kind of an embassy of which Japan and the United States may well be proud. The personal ties here formed will mean much to the future relations between the two countries, for it is the lack of such personal relations that gives rise to misunderstandings and misconceptions and leads to the perpetuation of prejudices.

Our welcome to the members of the Commission is coupled with a keen appreciation of the great service which they are doing in bringing home to us the significance of modern Japan. The people of the United States have quite as much to learn from this Commission as its members have to learn from us. A nation that has accomplished so much as has Japan during the past fifty years must possess a civilization and a culture which all nations may well study. One of the great needs of western nations at the present time is a better understanding of the eastern countries and peoples. Nothing can contribute more than this to the progress of the world in peace and international unity.